

# **TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

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**PREPARED BY:** John Rayson Town Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Governor Leroy Collins Park

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:**

**ITEM REQUEST:** **Schedule for Council Meeting**

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** PARK NAME - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, NAMING GOVERNOR LEROY COLLINS PARK AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** Land sold by Ryan family to the Florida Trust for Public Land, then to Davie for park/open space. Both entities concur on the name of this governor for the park.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** N/A

**CONCURRENCES:** Town Administration

**FISCAL IMPACT:** not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Passage on 7-2-2008 at meeting of Davie Town Council

**Attachment(s):** Resolution

## RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, NAMING GOVERNOR LEROY COLLINS PARK AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie purchased a 52-acre parcel of land within the Town from The Trust for Public Land to enhance the Town's open space and park land; and

WHEREAS, the land had been previously owned, and was sold to The Trust for Public Land, by the family of the late Florida State Senator A.J. "Red" Ryan, father of former State Representative Tim Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ryan was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1956, the same year in which Leroy Collins was elected to a full term as Florida's governor; and

WHEREAS, Governor Collins was a visionary leader whose temperate and conciliatory approach to civil rights and integration spared Florida much of the unrest and violence that plagued the American South in the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Governor Collins is also recognized for enhancing our State's highway system with construction of Florida's Turnpike, establishing the community college system, creating new state parks, and protecting the unique natural environment of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ryan came to greatly admire Governor Collins, for his leadership on civil rights issues, and for standing up for what he believed was right, even when he knew that doing so would likely make it difficult to be elected to public office in the future; and

WHEREAS, the entire Ryan Family likewise admires Governor Collins for his leadership and political courage, and considers it a fitting and high honor to name the 52 acres in Davie after Florida Governor Leroy Collins; and

WHEREAS, the Ryan family stated its wishes to have the 52 acres in Davie named in honor of Governor Collins as a condition of the sale of the land early in its discussions with The Trust for Public Land; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie is an historic Town, which prides itself on preserving the past while embracing the future; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie wishes to acknowledge the contributions of Governor Leroy Collins, a visionary leader.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the 52-acre parcel of land bounded by I-75, South Post Road and Shotgun Road in the Town of Davie be named Governor Leroy Collins Park.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.